



## PUBLIC WORKSHOPS

### Tuesday, November 12

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Clarksburg High School | Gym

22500 Wims Road | Clarksburg, MD 20871

### Wednesday, November 13

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Lincoln Elementary School | Recreation Center

200 Madison Street | Frederick, MD 21701

### Wednesday, November 20

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Urbana Volunteer Fire Department | Banquet Hall

3602 Urbana Pike | Frederick, MD 21704

### Thursday, November 21

6:30 PM – 8:30 PM

Bohrer Park Activity Center | Gym #1

506 S. Frederick Avenue | Gaithersburg, MD 20877

## STAY CONNECTED

MDOT SHA is committed to keeping the public informed. All materials presented at today's Workshop, including the display boards, the presentation, and the mapping; are available on the project website: [495-270-P3.com/i270-environmental/](http://495-270-P3.com/i270-environmental/)

To learn more:



Visit the project website:  
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## PROVIDE FEEDBACK

We want your comments on the transportation needs and solutions. Please comment through any of these methods:



Email: [270-Study-p3@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:270-Study-p3@mdot.maryland.gov)



Hard copy comment form submitted at the Workshop or mailed



Oral comments to the verbatim recorder

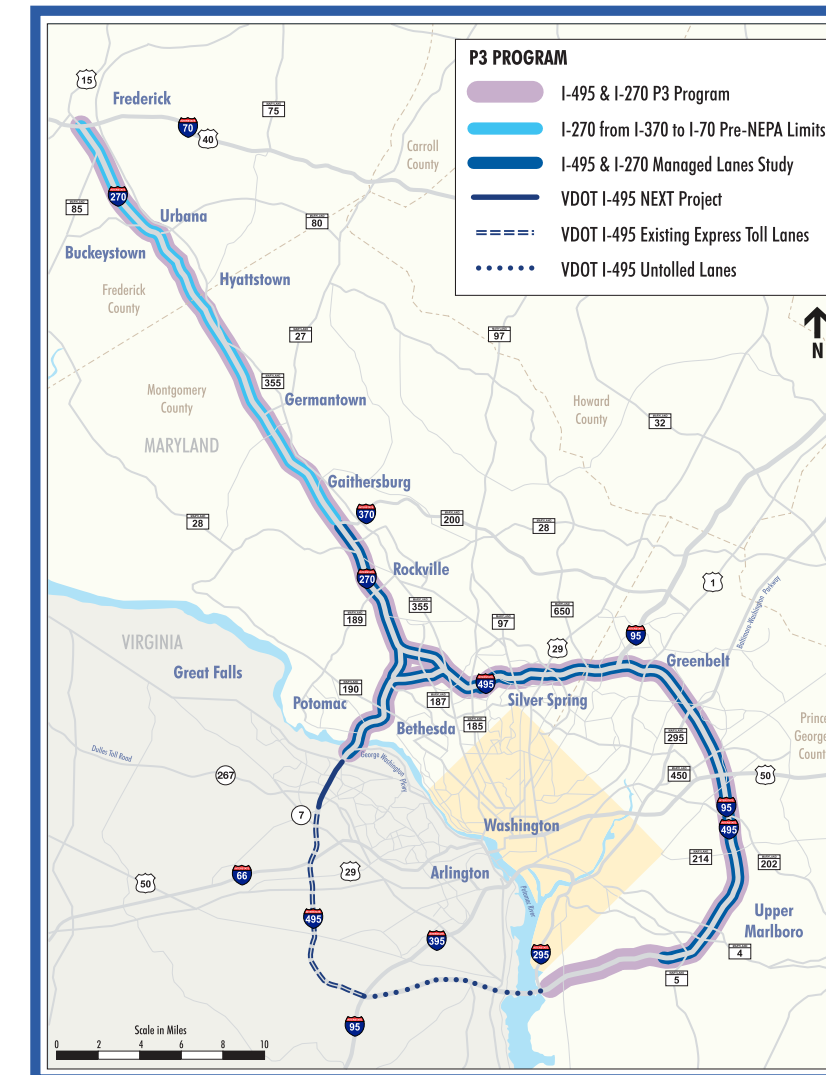


Online comment form on our website:  
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Mail to: Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration  
I-495 & I-270 P3 Office  
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Mail Stop P-601  
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## WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC WORKSHOP FOR I-270 FROM I-370 TO I-70 PRE-NEPA ACTIVITIES



The Workshop includes display boards, I-270 corridor mapping, and a general presentation. The presentation at 7:00 PM will provide an overview of the I-270 Pre-NEPA activities with time for questions and answers.

Please visit the display boards and maps, and talk to MDOT representatives.

Traffic congestion along the I-270 corridor is among the worst in the nation. Because congestion has hit a saturation point, traffic is now spilling over onto local roads, and peak travel hours are growing longer and longer. Traffic congestion degrades quality of life and impedes the region's economic growth.

As the population and number of jobs in the region grow, congestion will continue to worsen if nothing is done. The Maryland Department of Transportation is evaluating potential solutions to reduce congestion on I-270 between I-370 and I-70.

### The purpose of tonight's Workshop is to:

- ▶ Provide an introduction and overview of the Pre-NEPA activities and the NEPA process
- ▶ Discuss the transportation needs of the corridor
- ▶ Identify potential solutions and existing environmental considerations







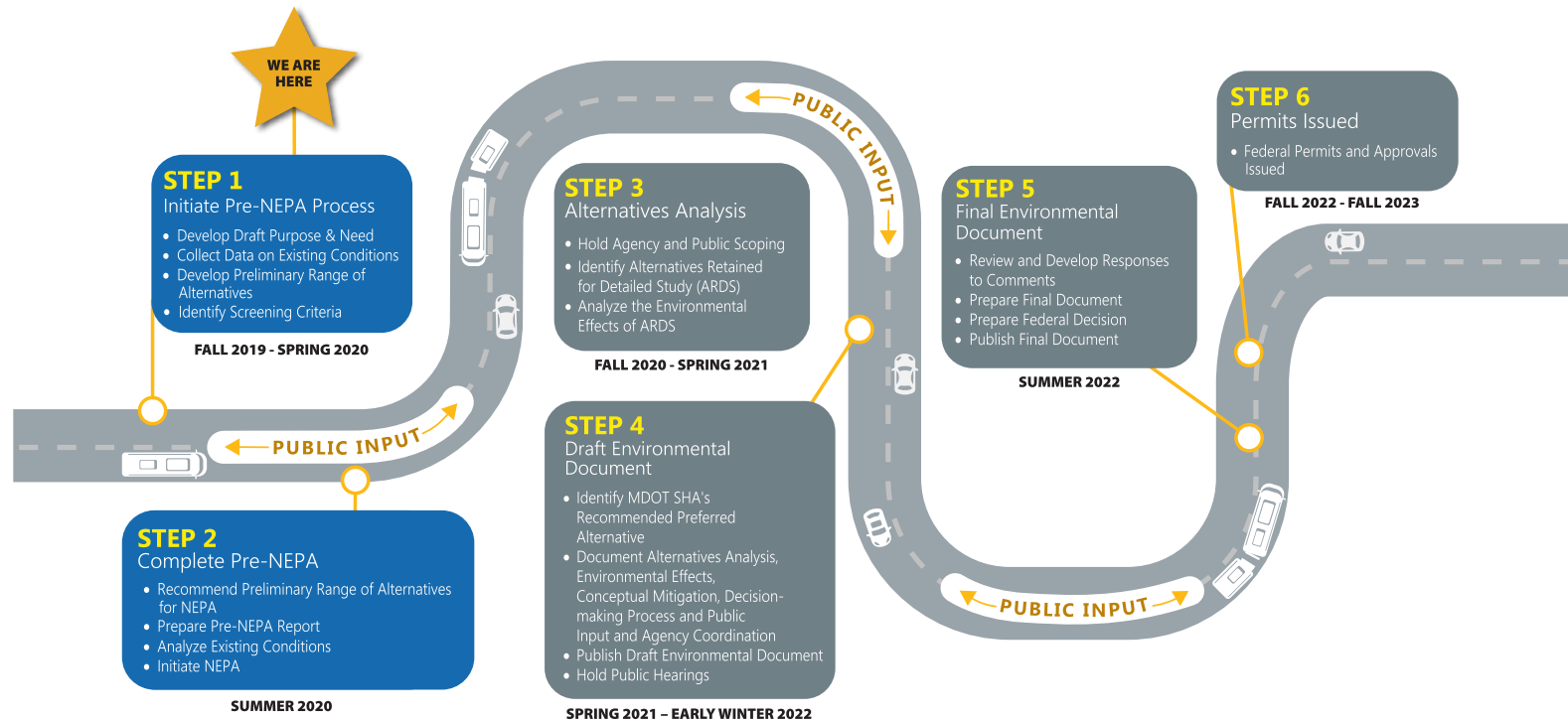
## WHAT IS PRE-NEPA?

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 requires federal agencies to evaluate the environmental impact of their proposed actions. MDOT SHA is coordinating with the Federal Highway Administration to conduct activities prior to starting a NEPA study to better understand the current transportation challenges on I-270 and to identify potential solutions to those challenges.

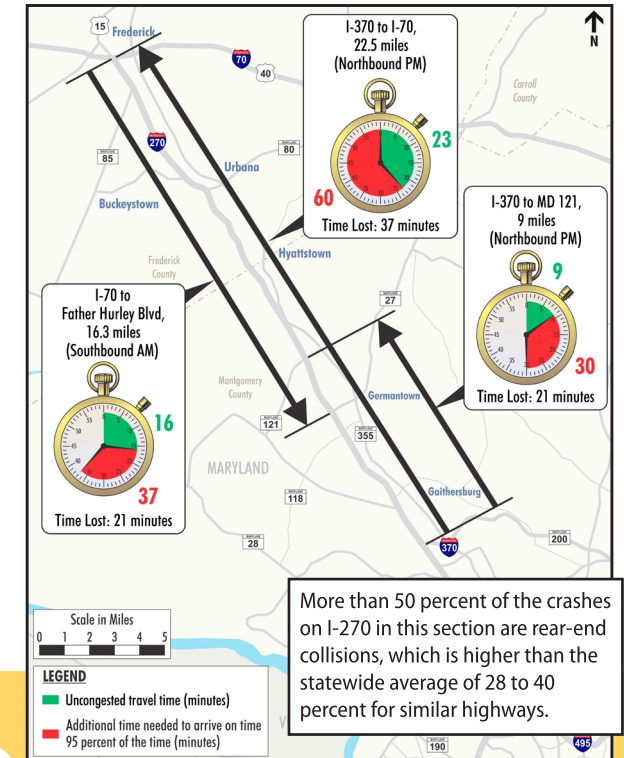
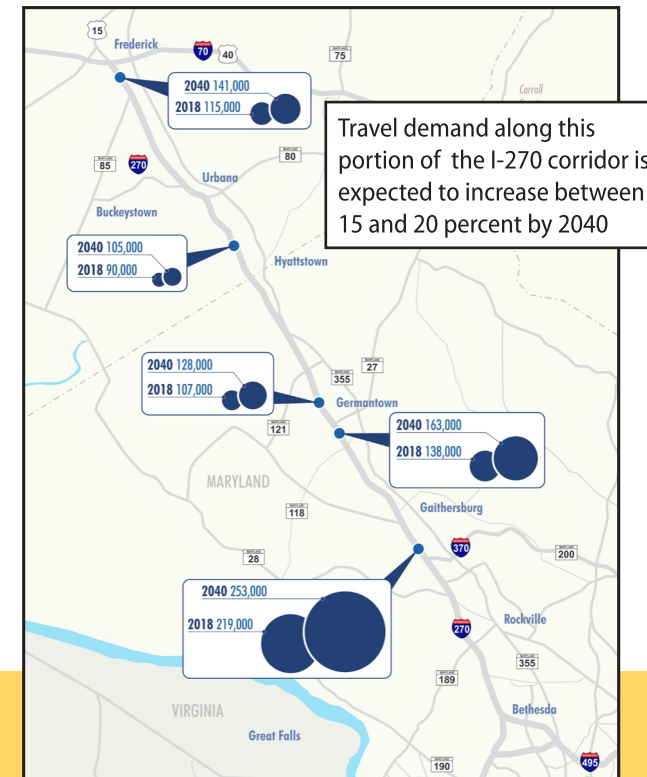
As part of the Pre-NEPA activities, MDOT SHA will:

- Engage the public and agency partners
- Collect data on existing traffic and environmental conditions
- Develop the Draft Purpose and Need
- Develop recommended preliminary alternatives
- Evaluate alternatives to determine if they will be advanced for further review in NEPA

## I-270 FROM I-370 TO I-70 TIMELINE



## POTENTIAL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS



1

**Capacity** – I-270 from I-370 to I-70 does not have the capacity to meet current and future travel demand.

3

**Multimodal and Travel Enhancements** – This portion of I-270 does not provide enough multimodal connectivity to allow for efficient travel. The congestion degrades the efficiency of transit services operating on I-270.

2

**Trip Reliability and Safety** – The regular congestion on I-270 results in unpredictable travel times. The congestion also results in a higher rate of crashes, decreasing safety for travelers and further degrading trip reliability.

4

**Financial Viability** – MDOT SHA's capital budget is insufficient to address the improvements needed on I-270. Therefore, revenue-generating measures are needed to provide funding.

## WHAT ARE THE TRANSPORTATION NEEDS ON I-270?

An important step during Pre-NEPA will be defining the overall objective (the purpose) and identifying the specific transportation problems (the need) to be addressed in the corridor. MDOT SHA will develop a Draft Purpose and Need statement that will be used to define the project and guide the evaluation of potential solutions. Some transportation needs, described on the following page, have been identified by MDOT SHA. We would like your comments on these issues.

Do you see other transportation problems on I-270? What potential solutions may address the transportation problems on I-270?

- There are 16 bus routes and more than 230 buses that use I-270 on weekdays.
- Congestion on I-270 makes bus travel more difficult and less efficient.
- There are four transit centers and 10 Park and Ride lots located along or near I-270 between I-370 and I-70.



As an example, a \$2 billion project adding lane capacity on I-270 would use all of MDOT SHA's current budget and would still take approximately 11 years to fund.

MDOT SHA is looking to the private sector to design, build, finance, operate, and maintain improvements to I-270 as part of the P3 Program.

